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1. THE UNOFFICIAL ELECTION REUSLTS WITH MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF THE
POLLING PLACES REPORTING WERE BROADCAST BY TURKISH RADIO AT
1500 GMT AS FOLLOWS:

REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) 41.6 PERCENT
JUSTICE PARTY (JP) 37.4 PERCENT
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) 8.1 PERCENT
NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) 6.0 PERCENT
REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) 1.9 PERCENT
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) 1.8 PERCNET

TRT ALSO REPORTED THAT THE RPP HAD DDFINITELY WON 168 SEATS
IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE JP 149, THE NSP 13, THE NAP
TEN, THE RR TWO AND INDEPENDENTS TWO.

2. RPP HEADQUARTERS CONTINUES TO PREDICT A NEAR MAJORITY
(SOME OF THEIR FOLLOWERS BELIEVE THEY WILL HAVE AN ABSOLUTE
MAJORITY --226 OR BETTER) THE RPP PARTISANS ARE JUBILANTLY
CLEBRATING THE VICTORY. THE JP HAS NOT CONCEDED, HTWEVER.

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JP LEADERS HAVE MADE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

3. MILLIYET IN ITS SECOND FINAL EDITION OF THE DAY
HAS PROJECTED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

REPUBLICAN PEROPLE'S PARTY (RPP) 225
JUSTICE PARTY(JP) 173
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) 20

NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) 13

REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) 1

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) 1

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RPP INFORMATION AND PERHPAS THAT OF MILLIYET IS BASED ON REPORTS FROM RPP PROVINCIAL CHAIRMEN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE TURKISH RADIO TALLIES, UPON WHICH WE BASE OUR INFORMATION, HAVE FALLEN BEHIND IN SOME EASTERN PROVINCES. ECEVIT'S CLAIM OF NEAR MAJORITY (AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ACTUAL MAJORITY) CONTINUES TO BE CREDIBLE IN OUR VIEW, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT REPEAT NOT SUBSTANTIATE IT AT THIS TIME. IN A STRAIGHT LINE PROJECTION OF RESULTS WHICH IN SOME PROVINCES ARE STILL FRAGMENTARY, WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) 214

JUSTICE PARTY (JP) 188

NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) 24

NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) 14

REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) 2

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) 1

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HOWEVER, THIS PROJECTION IS BASED ON INADEQUATE INFORMATION AND THEREFORE WE BELIEVE DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE RPP CLAIM.

4. RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT HELD HIS DELAYED PRESS CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN NEWSMEN MID-AFTERNOON. IN THE CONFERENCE ECEVIT SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD NEED TO SEEK A COALITION PARTNER IN ORDER TO FORM THE GOVERNMENT, ECEVIT SAID HE HOPED NOT. IN OTHER QUESTIONS OF INTEREST DURING THE PRESS
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CONFERENCE, ECEVIT WAS ASKED ABOUT THE TENSION IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS. HE SAID HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THAT HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS, BUT THAT HE COULD NOT WORK ALONE. ASKED ABOUT CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, ECEVIT SAID THAT TURKEY WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN NATO, BUT THAT THE EMBARGO WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON TURKEY'S PARTICIPATION. ASKED BY A GREEK JOURNALIST IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THE REPORT OF REJOICING OF THE GREEK PEOPLE UPON HEARING OF HIS ELECTION, ECEVIT SAID HE HAD ALWAYS CONSIDERED TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS TO BE IMPORTANT AND HE HOPED TO FIND RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING IN GREECE WHICH WOULD BENEFIT BOTH COUNTRIES. ASKED IF HE WOULD SEEK AN EARLY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, ECEVIT SAID HE HAD TRIED TO DO SO IN 1974 AND HOPED TO DO SO AGAIN.
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